

Lincoln School

Mentor Program for 4th and 5th Graders



2009-2010

The Lincoln School Mentor Program

The LSPA is again inviting all 4th and 5th grade students at Lincoln School to participate in the Mentor Program. This program enables participating students to pursue a special interest or talent on an extracurricular basis by working with a mentor or expert from the local community.

The student-initiated projects may be in *any area*. Among the experts students have worked with in past years are mentors skilled in a wide range of occupations and hobbies including: sports, entertainment, art, food, crafts, animals, nature, and science. A sampling of projects from past years is listed on the back of this brochure. What is your passion? What are you interested in learning more about? Let us know your idea!

Once a student has identified a first and second choice of topics he or she would like to pursue through the program, he should submit a proposal to the Mentor Program Box on the LSPA table by **Friday, December 4th**. The LSPA Mentor Committee will make every effort to find an appropriate mentor match in one of those areas. Program materials, including the name of the mentor, will be distributed to students at a later date.

Students and mentors meet two to three times over a two-month period, either individually or in small groups, to plan and develop the student project. The culmination of the program will be a **Sharing and Recognition Evening at Lincoln School on Thursday, April 29th** from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. when members of the Lincoln community will have the opportunity to view the completed student projects and/or presentations.

A Sampling of Projects from Past Years:

Acting, Archery, Architecture, Art, Author, Auto Mechanic, Basketball, Cake Decorating, Cartooning, Computers, Cooking, Dance, Detective, Doctor, Dog Training, Energy Conservation, Engineering, Entertainment, Event Planning, Fashion Design, Glass Study, Guitar, Hair Styling, Health and Fitness, Interior Design, Jewelry Making, Lacrosse, Law Enforcement, Mapping/GPS, Military Service, On-line Video Games, Origami, Physical Therapy, Photography, Piloting, Pottery, Quilting, Rock Climbing, Scientist, Sewing, Theatre, Sports Broadcasting, Soccer, Teaching, Tennis, Veterinarian, Video Production, Woodworking, Yoga, Zoology... What's *your* idea?

Important Dates to Remember:

Proposals Due By Friday, December 4th

Mentor Program Box on LSPA table outside office

Informational Meeting/Assignments – TBD

Sharing and Recognition Evening – Thursday, April 29th

Lincoln School – Students begin setting up at 5:00 pm

Program lasts from 6:00 pm -7:30 pm

The Role of the Student

- **Choose** a topic or area of interest to pursue
- **Be responsible** for attending meetings and completing project work
- **Be respectful and courteous** to the mentor and fellow students
- **Share** learning through a visual and/or oral presentation at the Sharing and Recognition Night

The Role of the Mentor

- **Share** information and expertise
- **Provide** direction in locating resources
- **Facilitate** the development and implementation of the student project or plan
- **Assist** the student in preparing for the Sharing and Recognition Night

The Role of Parents

- **Be responsible** for scheduling convenient meeting times for the mentor and students (Parent Coordinator)
- **Ensure** that students attend meetings
- **Ensure** that your child understands the expectations outlined above for students

Mentor Committee Co-Chairs

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